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KIT Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

It is a pleasure to welcome all of our pupils back after a well-deserved break over the Easter period. The next few months are an incredibly important time, especially for our Year 11 pupils who start their written exams within the next 4 weeks and our Year 9 pupils who will be finalising their option choices and getting ready for the start of their GCSE studies extremely soon.

We all agree that it is critical that we all look out for each other and show kindness, especially during periods of stress or change. Risedale School is founded on the principles of being kind, showing empathy to those around us, and often just being a friendly ear to listen to and support one another. We strongly advise any pupil who may be anxious over the coming months (or indeed at any time) to come and talk to someone so we can do all we can to help. I would like to thank our incredible Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors under the fantastic leadership of Lisa Smith, our full-time, on-site School Counsellor, for the amazing work they do towards this. Please get in touch if you would like to support or become involved in this fundamental aspect of school life.



Time flies incredibly quickly whilst at secondary school. It is therefore important for your child to take every chance that arises to make the most of all the incredible opportunities available at Risedale. We offer a vibrant array of activities, including our highly successful sports programme, boasting teams across a variety of disciplines, and would strongly advise anyone interested to get involved. We are also proud of the exemplary behaviour shown by all our pupils across the range of trips and excursions on offer. External people always comment extremely positively on the respect, kindness and positivity which Risedale pupils bring to any event and we would like to thank our pupils sincerely for this. You can be immensely proud of your child and the young adult they are developing into.

Please enjoy reading our KIT Newsletter and let us know if there is anything we can do to support you and your family.

Kindest regards,

Mr J Yates - Deputy Headteacher

U13 Girls Football

Risedale U13 Girls Put Up Brave Fight in Semi-Final Match

The U13 Girls Football team played a thrilling semi-final match against Wensleydale on Thursday, 22nd February. Both teams displayed excellent skills, making for a close game. Risedale went into halftime trailing 2-1 but showed great determination to equalise early in the second half. Unfortunately, fatigue set in, and Wensleydale secured the win with a final score of 8-3.



Despite the loss, there were some outstanding performances with goals from Ellie-Mae Reid (8Lawson), Sophia Chapman (8Allen) and Renesmee Bascombe-Nakoma (7Laheney).

The team's coach Mr J Metcalfe said, ***"I'm immensely proud of every player involved! And a big thank you must go to Reece Squire in Year 11 for refereeing the match!"***

Looking ahead, the U13 Girls have more matches on the horizon. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome to attend training every Wednesday after school!

Year 7 Rugby

Year 7 Rugby: Risedale Shows Grit Against Richmond School

Despite facing challenging weather and skilled opponents, the Year 7 Risedale rugby team displayed remarkable resilience and sportsmanship during their match against Richmond School on Monday 26th February.

Both teams demonstrated exceptional character and commitment throughout the game, turning it into a valuable learning experience for all involved. The spirit of sportsmanship remained high despite the competitive nature of the match.



"I'm incredibly proud of our team," said PE Teacher Mr. Lawson. ***"For many, this was their first taste of competitive rugby, and they truly embraced the experience. It was clear that they were having a great time, and several players even discovered a newfound passion for the sport."***

While the final score went to Richmond with 7 tries to 2, the Risedale players gained valuable experience and are now looking forward to showcasing their skills at the upcoming Area Rugby 7s tournament.

Year 11 Boys Rugby 🏉

Risedale's Y11 Rugby Team Takes on Richmond in Friendly Match

The Year 11 Risedale boys rugby team traded tackles and tries in a thrilling friendly against Richmond School and Sixth Form College on Tuesday 27th February.

The clash at Richmond RUFC served as a valuable opportunity for the Risedale players to showcase their skills for their GCSE PE assessments.

The first half was a tense affair, showcasing the athleticism of both teams. The contest remained fiercely competitive, with neither side able to gain a significant advantage. The halftime score reflected this, with Risedale trailing closely at 15-7.



While Richmond's experience ultimately proved decisive in the second half, allowing them to extend their lead and secure the victory, the Risedale boys never gave up and displayed commendable fighting spirit throughout the match.

"I'm incredibly proud of the boys' effort and determination," commented PE Teacher Mr Lawson. ***"They played their hearts out and gave an excellent performance."***

U15 Girls Football ⚽

Risedale U15 Girls Fight Valiantly in Area Cup Clash

The Risedale School U15 Girls Football Team put in a spirited performance in their thrilling 4-4 draw against Bedale High School in the Area Cup semi-final on Wednesday 28th February.

Knowing that victory would secure their place in the final, the girls displayed exceptional teamwork, resilience, and footballing ability throughout the match. A hat-trick from Ria Glenn (9Vizor) and a goal from Lexi Littler (10Ford) showcased



their attacking prowess, while goalkeeper Ava Hughes-Francis (9Sandell) pulled off several remarkable saves to deny Bedale on multiple occasions.

Despite their valiant efforts, the Risedale girls fell short in the penalty shootout. However, their positive spirits remained unbroken, as evidenced by their celebratory singing journey back to school – much to the amusement of their Team Coach, Mr J Metcalfe and Head of PE, Miss Brierley.

"I am incredibly proud of the girls once again," said Mr Metcalfe. ***"They played a fantastic game, displaying great teamwork and determination. Well done girls!"***

The girls have several fixtures still to come so don't forget that training takes place every Wednesday after school - everyone is welcome!

Year 9 Area Rugby Tournament 🏉

Risedale Year 9 Rugby Sevens Team Victorious at Wensleydale Tournament

The Risedale Year 9 rugby sevens team had a triumphant afternoon at the Wensleydale Tournament, winning three out of their four matches played in challenging cold and blustery conditions on Thursday 29th February.

Their winning streak began with a dominant performance against The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form, securing a convincing 8-1 victory with most of the team scoring.



The second match proved to be a tougher challenge against Thirsk School and Sixth Form College. However, the Risedale boys rose to the occasion, emerging victorious once again with a score of 4-0.

Maintaining their momentum, they faced Bedale High School in a close encounter. Despite a strong showing from Bedale, Risedale secured a narrow 2-0 win, setting up a final match against Richmond School.

The final match was a hard-fought battle, but ultimately Richmond School proved too strong, winning 6-3.

Despite the final defeat, the Risedale Year 9 team had a highly successful tournament, showcasing their talent and resilience throughout the day. They should be proud of their achievement, winning three out of their four matches.

A big thank you to **Henley Nicholas (9Dickson)** for his fantastic match report.

Mr Meacher, who supported the team on the day, praised their performance by saying, ***"I was incredibly impressed with how well the team played! Lekima Tuvakasiga and Omar Secka (both 9 Sandell) were particularly outstanding, but the entire team deserves recognition for their effort. They're already looking forward to next year's tournament, and I have no doubt they'll continue to excel."***

Year 11 Intervention Weekend at Bewerley Park

Forty-three Year 11 pupils embarked on a challenging but rewarding intervention weekend at Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre, aiming to boost their performance in core GCSE subjects.

After school on Friday 1st March, the group set off for a 24-hour session filled with focused revision and engaging activities. They spent three dedicated hours working on English, Maths, and Science before a bit of well-deserved sleep in their dorms (although we suspect a few late-night conversations might have taken place!).



Saturday began bright and early with breakfast, followed by another three hours of focused revision. To acknowledge their hard work, pupils were rewarded with a choice of exciting outdoor activities: canoeing, bouldering, or a high ropes course. Despite the rain, the Bewerley Park staff ensured everyone had a fun and memorable experience.

The teachers involved expressed immense pride in the pupils' commitment, effort, and teamwork throughout the weekend. They hope this experience will inspire continued motivation and dedicated revision leading up to their exams.

Special thanks to Miss Roberts, Miss Burke, Mr Carter, Mr Allen, and Mr Dean for dedicating their weekend to support and guide the pupils.

"It was truly impressive to witness the pupils' commitment to their revision," remarked Mr Dean, Teacher of Maths. ***"The teamwork and effort displayed by the entire group throughout their time at Bewerley Park were truly exceptional."***

Mrs Hailwood - Senior Teacher



Year 9 Pupils Explore the World of Fashion and Textiles

Year 9 pupils at Risedale School recently got a taste of the exciting world of fashion and textiles during a special taster session led by Teacher of Technology, Mrs Vizor. To kick off the session, the group delved into the world of design inspiration, examining successful designs in everything from cutting-edge technology to popular products like Stanley cups and makeup. This exploration provided a broad understanding of what makes a design successful, setting the stage for the creative tasks to come.



The session then took pupils on a journey through the fascinating world of artistic movements. They explored the distinctive styles of Art Deco, Bauhaus, and Memphis, gaining an appreciation for their unique aesthetics. Armed with this knowledge, the pupils were challenged to design their own outfits inspired by these movements.



The session culminated in a hands-on practical activity where pupils brought their design concepts to life. Using a combination of fabric paint, batik techniques, and fabric manipulation, they creatively adhered their designs onto a mannequin template or 'fashion croquis'. The results were a showcase of individual creativity and a testament to the pupils' newfound design skills.

"The classroom was buzzing with activity during the session,"



remarked Mrs Vizor. *"It was wonderful to see their imaginations flourish as they explored different design elements and translated them into their own unique creations. I was so pleased at how engaged the pupils were with the activities. Well done Year 9!"*

The successful taster session has undoubtedly sparked a passion for fashion and design in many Year 9 pupils. Whether they choose to pursue it further in Year 10 or simply carry this newfound appreciation with them, the experience has undoubtedly enriched their knowledge and ignited their creative spirit.

Art, Craft & Design GCSE Taster Session

Our Year 9 pupils created some outstanding observational studies during the GCSE Art, Craft and Design taster session on Tuesday 5th March. They were each given one photograph of an object which they used to complete monoprints and a range of timed drawings from. They used plain paper, book paper, biro pens and eight different experimental instructions. Some tasks were particularly challenging like ten-second drawings, blind-folded drawings and "wrong-handed" drawings! They ended the lesson by presenting their work, as if for assessment. I am so impressed by what they achieved in such a short space of time. Fantastic work Year 9!

Ms Westwood - Head of Art



Year 10 Boys Football

Risedale Y10 Boys Play Competitive Match Against Stokesley School

The Risedale Y10 boys' football team played a close game against Stokesley School and Sixth Form College on Wednesday 6th March. Despite being a mixed team with both Y9 and Y10 players, the Risedale team showed excellent coordination and never gave up.



Down by a penalty early on, the Risedale boys fought back and took the lead 3-2 by halftime.

Omar Secka (9Sandell) and Lucas Kirk (10Dunphy) displayed composure, while Mason Boardman (10Watkinson) delivered a powerful shot from 30 yards out.

The Risedale coaches believe in giving all players a chance to participate, promoting a lifelong love for the sport. Substitutions were made throughout the game, ensuring everyone had playing time.

The final score ended 6-4 in Stokesley's favour, but not before Kieran Warburton (10Dunphy) chipped a fantastic goal over the opposition's goalkeeper's head from 25 yards out.

While disappointed with the loss, Teacher of PE Mr Lawson, was incredibly proud of the team's performance. The game could have gone either way, with some close calls at the goal line and excellent saves by the Stokesley goalkeeper.

Year 9 Football

Risedale School Y9 boys put up a fight in a tough away match

The Risedale School Year 9 Boys Football team faced a tough challenge in an away fixture against Stokesley School and Sixth Form College on Thursday 7th March.



Despite encountering a strong Stokesley side, the Risedale boys displayed commendable determination throughout the match.

While integrating new players into the squad and adapting to unfamiliar positions, the team

remained persistent and created a number of scoring opportunities. Their efforts were rewarded with a well-placed penalty expertly converted by James Pollock.

Although the final score ultimately went against Risedale, the team's perseverance and willingness to adapt deserve recognition. This match served as a valuable learning experience, and the team will undoubtedly benefit from this going forward.

Mr Allen - Teacher of Science

Celebrating International Women's Day at Risedale School! 💜

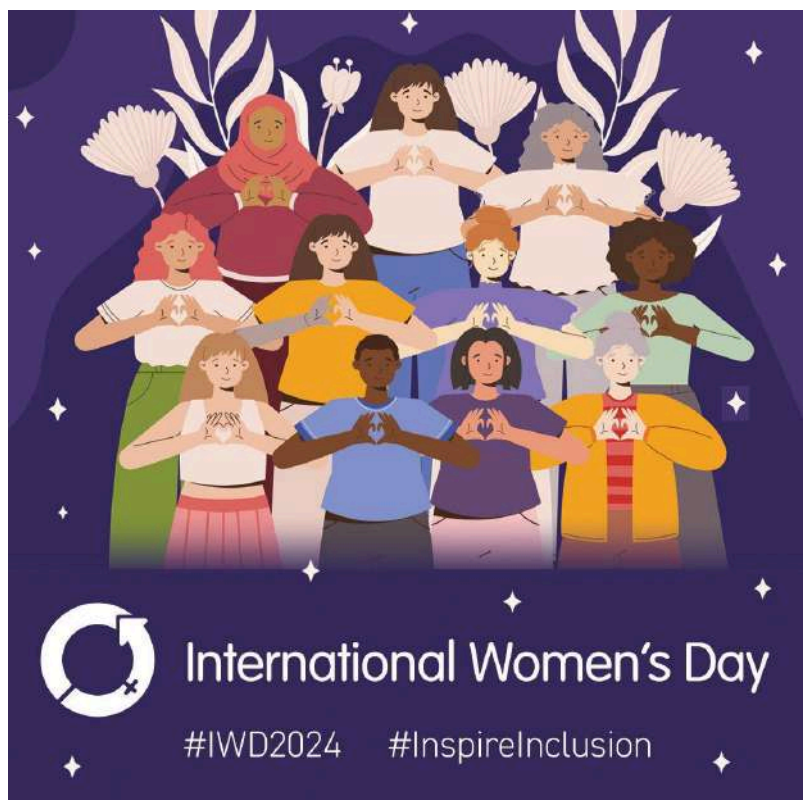
Our day kicked off with an inspiring assembly led by Senior Teacher Mrs Cox for Years 7-10. We heard about the achievements of incredible women throughout history and were encouraged to follow our own dreams.

Let Girls Play! ⚽

To mark International Women's Day, ten amazing Year 7 girls from Risedale took part in the biggest-ever football session run by the national Girls' Football in Schools Partnership! This #LetGirlsPlay event, hosted by Richmond School, aimed to promote a love for the sport and provided a fantastic opportunity for our girls to play in a friendly tournament against other local schools.

The Risedale team showed true grit and determination throughout the day, playing a total of 6 games. While they may not have come away with wins in every match (drawing 1 and losing 5), their teamwork, perseverance, and pure enjoyment of the game shone through!

We're so proud of our girls for embracing this opportunity and celebrating International Women's Day by playing the beautiful game!



You can find out more about International Women's Day by visiting:

💜 [International Women's Day](#) 💜

Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors Update:

Risedale's Mental Health Ambassadors launch a new platform for pupil voices.



Risedale School's dedicated team of Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors are continuing to make strides in their mission to promote positive mental health and wellbeing across the school community. Recently the ambassadors unveiled an exciting new initiative: a Google Classroom for wellbeing.

This online platform, accessible to all Risedale pupils, creates a space for open communication and collaboration on matters related to mental health and wellbeing. The platform's primary goal is to empower pupils to share ideas and contribute to fostering a positive school environment that prioritises everyone's wellbeing.

School Counsellor, Lisa Smith, said, ***"We are really excited to launch this platform within school so that all pupils at Risedale have a voice for positive mental health and wellbeing ideas."***

Important Note: The **"Positive Mental Health Ideas"** Google Classroom is not intended for pupils to share personal concerns or anxieties. It serves as a platform to come up with ideas and foster a positive and supportive school environment. School staff will be monitoring the platform to ensure it is used as intended.

Building on Success:

The Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors have already made significant contributions to the school community. On World Mental Health Day (13/10/23), the ambassadors presented a whole school assembly to raise awareness about mental health. They've also completed a

course in pupil mentor training, equipping them with valuable skills to support their peers.

Looking Forward:

The ambassadors are brimming with new ideas to further their positive impact. They're taking inspiration from the Google Classroom suggestions, with plans to install a "Suggestions Box" near the Pupil Reception. This drop-in box will provide pupils with a safe and anonymous way to share their worries and ideas.

Fundraising for a Mental Health charity is another initiative on the horizon. This will not only raise vital funds for a worthy cause but also continue to raise the profile of mental health within the school.



A Whole School Approach:

Risedale School is committed to a "Whole School Approach" to Mental Health and Wellbeing, recognising the importance of a coordinated effort across the entire school community. The Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors are a key part of this approach, and their initiatives complement the school's wider mental health strategy.

The ambassadors are also taking an active role in shaping school policy. They will be working alongside School Counsellor, Lisa Smith, to review the school's Positive Mental Health Policy, ensuring their voices are heard in the decision-making process.

Risedale School applauds the ongoing efforts of the Mental Health Ambassadors and their dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all pupils. The launch of the Google Classroom for wellbeing, alongside their other initiatives, is a

significant step forward in empowering pupils and fostering a culture of open communication and positive mental health at Risedale.

Expanding the Team:

The Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors are actively seeking new members, particularly from Year 8 and Year 9. If you are interested in joining this impactful team and contributing to your school community's mental health and wellbeing, reach out to your Tutor or the School Counsellor, Lisa Smith.

Here's what some of our Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors had to say:

Rose Stoddart (10Ford) said, *"I wanted to become a Pupil Mental Health Ambassador because I wanted to help improve the impact we had on the school by doing more things like assemblies and updating the notice boards around the school with our photos so people know who we are and know that they have people to talk to if they need help with something."*

Kristian Cutress (10Dunphy) said, *"I think our best achievement so far is that we have made pupils aware that the Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors are here for ALL pupils."*

Natasha Griffiths-Allen (11Westwood) said, *"To me, our greatest achievement is the Google Classroom, everyone has so many good ideas. I am hoping that by being a Pupil Mental Health Ambassador, we can help everyone know where support is and that people will associate good things with mental health, not just the bad."*

Year 10 & 11 Risedale Family Coffee Events ☕💕



Risedale Family Coffee Events
For parents/carers of Year 10 and 11 pupils

Thursday 25th April 2024
10:30am - 12pm or 6pm - 7:30pm

Calling all Year 10 and 11 parents! Join us for our next Risedale Family Coffee Event, a chance to connect with fellow parents in a relaxed and informal setting.

There will be two sessions to choose from on Thursday 25th April 2024:

- **Early session: 10.30am - 12pm**
- **Late session: 6pm - 7.30pm**

Meet our Assistant SENCo Emma Blatch, SENCo Stacey Burke, Specialist SEND Teacher Catherine Davies, and our School Counsellor Lisa Smith, as we discuss school life and foster a sense of community among parents.

To RSVP: To reserve your place please complete the [Google Form](#) by **Thursday 18th April 2024** Alternatively, email Lisa directly at Smith.L@risedale.org.uk.

Rotary STEM Tournament

Pupils from Risedale School went head-to-head with over 150 pupils from 10 other schools at a STEM design challenge held on Tuesday 12th March. The event, organised by the Rotary Club of Northallerton and the 1st Close Support Battalion REME at Catterick Garrison, tasked pupils with building a machine that could launch a ping pong ball to impressive heights and then land it safely through a hoop in a designated zone.

Risedale sent four teams to the challenge, and all four displayed remarkable resilience and ingenuity. Even a team whose machine faltered during practice managed to pull off a successful final test, showcasing their ability to adapt and overcome obstacles. Congratulations to all the participating pupils for representing Risedale School so well at this prestigious event:

Year 8:

Theo-Tyler Fort, Gareth Griffiths-Allen, Zach Sixsmith, Bryonie Taylor, Kieran Veasey, Harley Waring, Jayden Webster and Olivia Williams.

Year 9:

Christopher Allan, William Bell, Ollie Brend, Kaiden Collins, Harry Emberson, Malachi O'Brien, Rio Regan and Joshua Scott.



Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Hornsea

On Friday 15th March our intrepid Year 11 GCSE Geographers embarked on a field trip to Hornsea on the Holderness Coast. Equipped with scientific curiosity and a taste for adventure, the group of sixty pupils delved into the fascinating world of coastal landscapes.

The morning session saw them transformed into coastal engineers, diligently measuring groyne (coastal defences) on Hornsea Beach. This hands-on experience provided them with a firsthand understanding of hard engineering techniques used to combat coastal erosion.



The afternoon brought a shift in focus, with the pupils venturing into Hornsea town centre. Here, they donned the hats of social scientists, conducting surveys to gauge local perspectives on the impact of tourism. But their exploration wasn't limited to questionnaires – they also treated themselves to a taste of the seaside with some delicious fish and chips! Thankfully, the weather cooperated, making it a truly enriching experience.



The success of this trip wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our fantastic staff – Mrs Fletcher, Mr Ford, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Price, and Mr Meacher. Their support and guidance ensured a valuable learning experience for all the pupils.

Mr Sherwood - Senior Teacher and Head of Humanities

Flood a School Day

Risedale Welcomes University Ambassadors for Inspiring Careers Day

On Friday 15th March, Risedale School hosted student ambassadors from York St. John University as part of our Careers, Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) programme linked to Inspiring Choices and Uniconnect. This initiative focuses on equipping secondary school pupils with the knowledge and guidance they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

The visiting ambassadors had the opportunity to interact with a large group of Risedale pupils. They shared their personal journeys to higher education, including their chosen subjects and the career paths they envision. These informal discussions provided a valuable platform for Risedale pupils to ask questions and gain insights directly from current university students.

"Over the past few months," explained Helen Porritt, Risedale's Careers Leader, *"I've been delivering careers lessons to*



Years 7, 8, and 9, specifically highlighting the various technical routes pupils can pursue to qualify for their desired careers. Today's visit from the student ambassadors has further solidified the message that higher education is a viable option for all. The Risedale pupils actively participated, asking insightful and thought-provoking questions throughout the sessions."

This event served as a valuable addition to Risedale's CEIAG programme, providing pupils with firsthand exposure to university life and career opportunities. By fostering connections with university students, Risedale empowers its own pupils to make informed choices about their futures.


Red Nose Day 2024

Risedale Raises the Red Nose Day Bar with Fancy Dress Extravaganza!



This year, Risedale School pupils brought extra flair to Red Nose Day! Ditching their uniforms for a pound donation, they took things a step further with a best-dressed competition themed around TV and film characters.

The creativity was phenomenal! From the classic stylings of Bananaman to Bilbo Baggins, and the darkly delightful Beetlejuice, pupils brought their favourite characters to life.

Mr Hill, Head of Seacole House , was overwhelmed by the effort put in. *"The enthusiasm for the competition was fantastic,"* he said. *"The costumes were all so impressive, I couldn't possibly choose a*



winner myself. Letting the school vote was the only fair solution and it got me out of a tough decision!"

Mr Watkinson, Head of Turing House ❤️, shared Mr Hill's sentiments. *"Honestly,"* he admitted, *"when I saw the outfits, I teared up with joy!"*

Following a school-wide vote, the winners were announced. In third place was Kai Martin's Bananaman. In second place was Joshua-Jay Whitaker's Tiki. And the first place was won by Oscar Baker for portraying the hero of The Shire, Bilbo Baggins. The competition was very close, so congratulations to all participants.

On Instagram, Comic Relief, said, *"We love a non-uniform day. Thank you so much for your support."*

Beyond the Costumes: A Winning Day for Charity

The real winner, of course, is Red Nose Day and the incredible work of Comic Relief.

Thanks to the generosity of our pupils, parents/carers and staff, Risedale raised a fantastic total of ★ £430.93! ★

But the fundraising fun didn't stop there! On 20th March our Year 10 and Year 11 boys took part in a charity football match. In a thrilling display of skill (and perhaps a touch of friendly rivalry!), Year 11 emerged victorious with a final score of 4-1. You can read all about the match later on in the KIT Newsletter.

Risedale is proud to have played its part in supporting such a worthy cause. Here's to another successful Red Nose Day next year!





U16 Girls Football

Risedale U16 Girls Triumph in End-of-Season Match!

On Tuesday 19th March, a special football match was arranged for a team of our U16 girls which comprised players from Years 9, 10, and 11, who faced off against The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form.

The Risedale girls dominated the match from start to finish, securing a well-deserved 3-0 victory. Katie Hill (Year 11) opened the scoring for Risedale, followed by a spectacular strike from goalkeeper-turned-left-winger Ava Hughes-Francis (Year 9).



The second half mirrored the first, with Risedale showcasing excellent teamwork, skill, and defensive resilience to shut out their opponents. Ria Glenn (Year 9) added another goal to her tally, solidifying Risedale's comfortable lead.

Coach Mr J Metcalfe praised the girls for their outstanding performance by saying, ***“The girls have been amazing all season and deserved to finish with a win, they should all be proud!”***

He added, ***“Hopefully, training will continue after Easter so the team can be ready and prepared for the new season in September.”***

Well done girls. A fantastic result!

★ The Great Nicholson Scone Competition ★



Pupils Celebrate Mrs Nicholson's Legacy with a Scone Showdown!

Risedale pupils baked up a storm on Wednesday 20th March in honour of their beloved Food Technology Teacher, Julie Nicholson, who sadly passed away in December 2023. The Great Nicholson Scone Competition saw a group of talented young bakers compete for the coveted title of Star Baker and Scone Champion.

The competition was organised by Mrs Nicholson's friend and colleague, Teacher of Technology, Mrs Vizer.



“Julie was passionate about baking and loved seeing her pupils experiment in the kitchen,” Mrs Vizer shared. ***“This competition is a wonderful way to celebrate her***

memory and inspire the next generation of bakers, as well as celebrate the talented and hard-working pupils we have here at Risedale."



The call went out earlier in March, with pupils invited to submit their most scrumptious scone recipes. Creativity was key, with Mrs Vizor encouraging entries that went beyond the ordinary. After careful consideration, the best recipes were shortlisted, and the bakers were invited to compete on the 20th. On competition day, each pupil brought in their own ingredients and

battled it out in the Food Technology kitchen to win a trophy, a prize and to be crowned Scone Champion of 2024!

The winning team, Jake Barraclough (10Hill) and Leeland Webster (10Ford) impressed the judges with their delicious and unusual piña colada and lemon curd scones. **"We're so pleased!"** said Jake. **"It was great working together as a team!"**

Leeland added, **"I love piña coladas! (and getting caught in the rain)."**

The Great Nicholson Scone Competition was a heartwarming tribute to a much-loved teacher. It not only showcased the pupils' baking skills but also fostered a sense of community and friendly competition. The legacy of Mrs Nicholson, a true champion of culinary creativity, is sure to live on through the pupils she inspired.

Thank you to our brilliant judges; Mrs Clarke, Mrs Louison, Mrs Smith and Mrs Southworth-Gedye and to all the pupils who took part, especially our deserving winners, Jake and Leeland.



PHOTO: Mrs Vizor, Mrs Louison and our winners 🏆 Jake and Leeland 🏆

Y10 vs Y11 Charity Football Match

A Fundraising Triumph and a True Celebration of School Spirit!

The inaugural Y10 vs Y11 charity football match, played on 20th March in aid of Comic Relief, was a roaring success! The positive atmosphere and enthusiastic participation have spurred on the PE department to make this an annual event.

Both teams displayed exceptional sportsmanship and a strong sense of community spirit throughout the game. It was inspiring to see them dedicate their all to a worthy cause.

Year 11 emerged victorious with a final score of 4-1.

Oliver Aspden led the Year 11 offence with a stellar performance, scoring 2 goals. Riley Hampson and Lewis Littler also added their names to the scoreboard. For the Y10 team, Andrew Crane held his nerve and delivered a penalty kick that sent the crowd erupting.



"Both teams played with fantastic spirit," said PE Teacher Mr Lawson. *"I truly hope they enjoyed it as much as we did!"* He continued, expressing his gratitude to the enthusiastic crowd: *"A huge thank you goes out to the incredible crowd! The support from pupils, parents, and staff was truly heartwarming and made a real difference to the atmosphere."*

Head of PE, Miss Brierley, echoed Mr Lawson's sentiment, thanking him for organising such a successful event. *"Well done, Mr Lawson, for putting on such a great event, and thank you again to all who came along and generously donated."*

#TeamRisedale ❤️💜💛❤️

PHOTOS:

The Year 10 Team (Above)

The Winners Year 11 (Right).



A Fond Farewell to Mrs Louison



On Thursday 21st March, the pupils of the Caribbean Cooking Club gathered to bid farewell to Mrs Dale Louison, who left Risedale at Easter. Mrs Louison has worked in various departments at Risedale, including Religious Education and, more recently, Food Technology.

To express her gratitude to the pupils who participated in the weekly Caribbean Cookery Club, Mrs Louison brought in a delectable assortment of cakes and treats. The photo accompanying this article captures a heartwarming scene of Mrs Louison surrounded by the club members, a testament to the positive relationships she cultivated during her time at Risedale.



The entire Risedale Family extends its heartfelt wishes to Mrs Louison as she embarks on her next chapter. We are confident that her positive influence and dedication to education will continue to inspire wherever her path may lead.

PHOTO: Mrs Louison and Kerby Fevriere (9Dickson) at Carribean Cooking Club.

Risedale School's Head of Art Exhibits at London Gallery



Jaime Westwood, Head of Art at Risedale School, is currently showcasing her work in a group exhibition titled "Somewhere, Beyond the Tide, the Wind Whispers" at the Alveston Fine Arts Gallery in Notting Hill, London.

The exhibition, which runs from 14th March to 15th April 2024, features works from a talented group of female artists, including our very own Ms Westwood.

Ms Westwood gained recognition for her collection of 100 ceramic bonbon dishes featured on Grayson's Art Club in 2023 and is excited to be part of this group show. The photo, taken during



her visit to the gallery over the Easter holidays, captures her enthusiasm amidst the displayed artworks.

Ms Westwood said, ***"Making artwork, and particularly ceramic pottery, brings me so much personal joy but I never create work with the expectation of it being exhibited or appreciated by others. To have been asked to participate in this showcase of work by female artists was such an honour. I am so pleased with how it has been received by the staff, visitors and fellow artists at Alveston and now the exhibition is up, I can start making new art, hooray!"***

Everyone at Risedale School is so proud of Ms Westwood's artistic achievements. Her participation in such a prestigious London exhibition serves as an inspiration to all our pupils, demonstrating the boundless possibilities that lie within the realm of art.





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